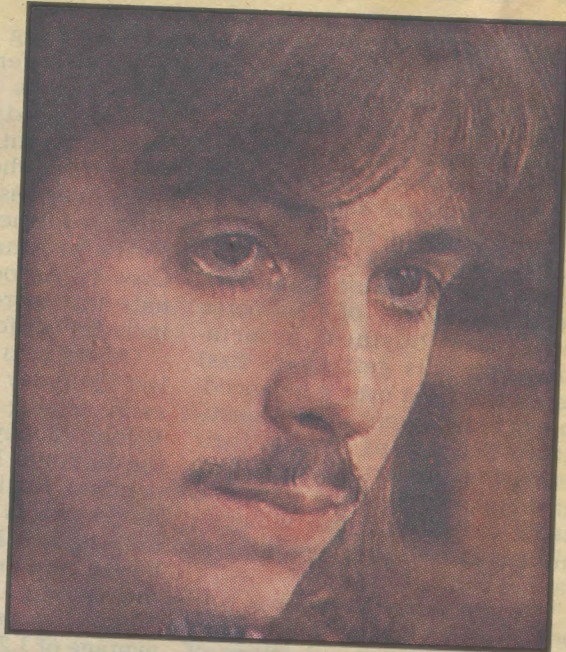


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ABC News Photos

Pam Smart, left, and Billy Flynn are pictured during TV interviews aired last night.

She Did Love Billy Flynn, Pam Smart Tells TV Show

From Staff and Wire Reports

In her first interview since her conviction for inciting her teenage lover to kill her husband, Pam Smart says she believes she was in love with the boy who put a gun to Gregg Smart's head and pulled the trigger.

"I did. I think I really did love him," she told ABC's "PrimeTime Live" in a show telecast last night.

Smart, 27, is serving life in prison for her part in the 1990 murder of her husband, Gregg Smart.

The triggerman, Billy Flynn, will be middle-aged when he's released from a maximum security prison in Thomaston, Maine. He reiterated that Smart encouraged him to kill her husband.

"Pam Smart was my whole life back then. You know, I meet Pam Smart. She's beautiful. She's intelligent. You know, she's an adult, and she likes me. You know?" he said.

It was a case that brought New Hampshire into the international media spotlight. It was a tale of an attractive

young woman who coerced her 15-year-old lover and his teenage friends to kill her insurance salesman husband.

"She could be the poor, sympathetic widow, and then she could carry on her affair on the side. In her mind it was worth it," said prosecutor Paul Maggiotto, who pointed to her husband's \$140,000 life insurance policy as a motive.

"There's basically a pathological side to her. I mean she basically orchestrated a diabolical crime," he said.

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Smart, who continues to maintain her innocence, said Flynn may have murdered her husband because she told him she was going to end their affair.

Gregg Smart, 23, was dead less than a week later.

"What happened to Gregg is the most horrible thing I've ever gone through in my life, and I'm still haunted every day by memories of what must have happened to him inside our house before he was killed," she said.

Smart said she turned to Flynn because she was hurt that her husband had a liaison with someone else.

"He was 16, but yes, he was very young, and I was 22 at the time. And I had heard from a friend of his that he — that he had a crush on me," she said from Bedford Hills Correctional Facility for Women in Bedford Hills, N.Y.

Flynn, a student at Hampton's Winnacunnet High School, where Smart worked as a media coordinator, met Smart when he participated in a teen self-esteem project she was running.

She made the first move one day after school, Flynn said. "She said, 'Are you gonna kiss me, or do I have to rape you?'" he said.

Flynn said he does not know why Smart wanted her husband dead. "Part of me would want to say to be with me," he said.

"Whether or not she really ever loved me — that, in hindsight, might not seem like a very big deal to most people. But knowing that she had me do this, and that I did go through with it, and if she never really loved me would probably kill me," he said.

News of the interview had drawn objections from Gregg Smart's relatives, but Pam Smart's attorney, J. Albert Johnson of Boston, defended the segment last night.

"Anything she does that focuses attention on her unjust conviction is certainly in her best interest. It's not only in her interest, it's in the best interest of New Hampshire and the nation. Injustice should never be disregarded," he said.

Then, Johnson was asked, was he in favor of the interview? "That's not what I said," he replied.

Johnson said PrimeTime approached his client directly, not working through him.

Johnson again took issue with Rockingham Superior Court Judge Douglas Gray, who presided over the Smart trial. Johnson said prior to the airing of the program that he was told Gray was interviewed, "and he stated he was not aware of the pervasive nature of the media attention."

"I respectfully call to his attention page 2009 of the offi-

cial transcript prior to the trial, in which he stated: 'The press is out of control.' Which should have caused him as a matter of law" to change the venue and sequester the jury," said Johnson. "(That) is as he is required to do and did not do, resulting in Pamela Smart's unjust conviction."

Johnson said that even without the new focus on Smart's case, he continues to work on her behalf, seeking a reversal of her conviction. "I feel confident she will be released," he said.

Smart: Drugs Had Role in Murder

After all she's been through, nothing should come as a surprise to Diane Lattime, but allegations that her son and his friends — convicted in the 1990 killing of Gregory Smart — were "known troublemakers" and "drug addicts" bothers her, she said last night.

After viewing a segment on PrimeTime Live, Lattime said the material shown, for the most part, was "more of the same," but allegations by Smart's mother Linda Wojas that J.R. Lattime, Patrick Randall and Bill Flynn were taking hallucinogenic drugs and were known troublemakers are unfounded.

"The only part that upsets me — and nothing should upset me anymore — is Mrs. Wojas accusing them of being druggies and troublemakers. None of them had any prior records. Where is their proof? I'll be the first to say they weren't angels, but (the program) made it sound like they were — I don't know what."

Attorney Rick Sheehan of Londonderry, who along with attorney Mark Rumley, is counsel for the three boys and their families, called the allegations by Smart's mother "ridiculous."

"It's totally unfounded," he said. "They were in school on a regular basis before this act," and if they had been using drugs to the extent Mrs. Wojas alleges, it would have been noticed.

The interview with Smart was "much of what we expected," said Sheehan, while an interview with Flynn was as credible as he thought it would be. "You can feel the pained truth while he speaks," Sheehan said.

Lattime, who along with her husband turned in the gun that gave Derry police the break in the case, said that while Pamela Smart and her supporters contend she is innocent, her son and his friends told the truth.

"The same day we turned in the gun — prior to the arrests — they told us the full story and that has not changed one bit," she said.